

Senate Resolution 857

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th, Johnson of the 1st, Wiles of the 37th, Hill of the 4th, Williams of the 19th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's National Guard troops; recognizing February 22, 2006, as "National
2 Guard Day"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in the past year, more than 4,000 Georgia Army National Guard members have
4 served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism, serving in Iraq,
5 Afghanistan, Kuwait, and other Middle Eastern locations as well as at military bases across
6 the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, members of Georgia's 3rd Infantry Detachment were among the first to deploy
8 into hostile territory, serving alongside their active duty counterparts at the "tip of the spear"
9 during the ground war in Iraq; and

10 WHEREAS, the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins Air Force Base flew more than 200
11 combat sorties in the sophisticated Joint STARS aircraft in direct support of ground
12 operations, providing commanders with valuable real-time battlefield information; and

13 WHEREAS, Kennesaw's 190th Military Police Company and Monroe's 178th Military
14 Police Company were called to active duty in support of the war on terrorism; during its
15 second deployment the 190th conducted operations in Iraq providing presence patrols and
16 security missions; and

17 WHEREAS, the 165th Airlift Wing from Savannah deployed to Southwest Asia to support
18 Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and during its initial deployment, at the
19 height of the ground war, flew more than 3,000 sorties supporting operations across the
20 Middle East and Europe; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Army National Guard's 265th Engineer Group, 878th Engineer
22 Battalion, 221st Military Intelligence Battalion, 277th Maintenance Company, 1148th

1 Transportation Company, and Company B 161st Medical Battalion have all been called to
2 active duty and are serving valiantly and proudly in Iraq, Afghanistan, and on other foreign
3 soils; and

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Air National Guard's 224th Joint Communications Support
5 Squadron, 283rd Communications Squadron, 165th Air Support Operations Squadron, and
6 117th Air Control Squadron all deployed citizen-soldiers to fight the Global War on
7 Terrorism; and

8 WHEREAS, some 1,300 Georgia National Guard members have been called and have served
9 at military bases across the United States as part of Operation Noble Eagle and are protecting
10 lives, property, and resources; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's 4th Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) remains on
12 24 hour alert to respond to any incident involving the use of weapons of mass destruction;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard continues to add value to the State of Georgia and
15 communities through its Youth Challenge Academy, the STARBASE program, the
16 Counterdrug Task force, and its ongoing State Partnership with the Republic of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Defense Force, the third leg of the Georgia Department of
18 Defense, continues to provide trained volunteers to backfill in critical areas for Georgia
19 Guardsmen called to active duty.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 wholeheartedly commend Georgia's National Guard troops as they risk and sacrifice their
22 lives for the safety of Americans at home, its citizens abroad, and the native citizens of
23 foreign countries they protect and recognize February 22, 2006, as "National Guard Day."

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia National Guard.